Special Holidays for Syrian Christians.

43. Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what has been done with the resolution concerning some special holidays for Syrian Christians passed in the legislative session of 1102, what stage the Government consideration has reached in regard to this resolution;

(b) what is the percentage of population in Cochin who would be affected by the passing of the new-moon resolution brought forward in the last legislative session and accepted and adopted by the Government *suo moto* and of this resolution passed by the House?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Government orders on the resolution will be issued shortly.

(b) Please see the Administrative volume of the Cochin Census Report for 1921.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—When will they be issued?

Mr. A.K. Vengu Ayyar.—When this answer was prepared orders had not been issued. Subsequently orders have been issued to issue it in the Gazette, i. e., 25th Vrischigam.

The Report of the Excise Committee.

44. Mr. A. B. Salem.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the report of the Excise Committee is now and how many meetings have been held by this Committee since the last budget session;

(b) will they also be pleased to state when the report would probably be placed on the table of this House?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) The report has been received by the Government. No meeting was held since the last budget session.

(b) The Government trust that this can be done without undue delay.

The provision for improving Palanji-Akkikavu Road.

45. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the whole amount budgetted for improving the condition of Palanji Akkikavu road will not be utilised this year for the purpose and that the work has already been taken out?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is expected that the amount provided in the budget will be utilised this year.

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